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Recycling on campus; here to stay

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Students and faculty alike are noticing new improvements to Saint Leo's campus everywhere. Perhaps, it is the new white fence up at plant ops or the new landscaping with palm trees. How about the new recycling bins?

New around campus this year are 80 boxes in sporadic locations designed just for recycling. They are everywhere, such as in each dorm hall (usually around the main entrance), the library, Crawford, and on each floor in Lewis. There are usually three boxes in each location: one for newspaper, another for office paper, and one for plastics and aluminums.

Dr. Chris Miller, assistant professor of biology/environmental science, hopes these boxes will help raise student awareness on campus about sustainability.

"A lot of improvement has been made in the area of recycling compared to what we have had in the past," said Miller.

The history of recycling at Saint Leo has been short. It has been around on and off for several years. It was mostly put together by students and Miller. On campus, though, it was not a top priority. The only real recycling that took place for a long time was recycling office paper. A Land O'Lakes company picked it up. It more or less fizzled out when the construction of the new student community center started.

About a year ago, SLU president, Dr. Arthur Kirk, Jr., started a Green Committee. The Green Committee discussed the sustainability of recycling on campus. They decided students were not really being taught responsible stewardship in this way. This committee became a part of the University Senate, which means that it cannot disappear, like committees of past that did not work out.

Saint Leo signed agreements with Waste Management to pick up the recycling as well. There are compactors for cardboard in the cafeteria and Waste Management will pull it and haul it off for $270 a pull. It also costs an additional $71 a ton, and the compactors can hold nine tons. On average, the recycling gets picked up about every three weeks.

Freshman Jana Lott brings her trash to be recycled. Photograph by Rosanne Cannizzo

The recycling boxes, however, are picked up daily during the week. There is a golf cart dedicated to making it around campus to pick up the recycling. There are two work study students who split the shifts to pick up the bags. They also pick through the bags to make sure there is no additional trash, because Waste Management will not take any of the recycling, even if the trash is just an apple core sitting on top.

On average, about 70-80 percent of trash that comes from a student dorms can be recycled. There are many items commonly found in dorms that are recyclable. Among those items are newspapers, office paper, magazines or anything glossy, notebooks, cardboard, and many different plastics. Type one and type two plastics are recyclable. Type one plastics are generally water bottles, coke bottles, and liquid dish soap bottles. Type two plastics are higher density plastics, and include Clorox wipes bottles, opaque milk jugs or bottles, some shampoo bottles, and some laundry detergent bottles. The other five types of plastics are not recyclable in Pasco County.

How can one tell what type of plastic something is? It's simple. Turn over the container and look at the bottom. There is a symbol with three arrows in a triangle, with a number in it. One and two are recyclable. The others will have to go in the trash. Along with the plastics, throw in aluminum cans and glass bottles, because they are recyclable too. It will get sorted out by plant ops. That, however, is not an invite to throw all of your trash into the bins, because they are not trash cans.

Why recycle? Well, for one, to reduce the cut down of forestry for newspaper and other types of paper. Trees supply oxygen and homes to wildlife. It hurts everything in the balance of life. Pasco County either burns the garbage collected (more than 1,050 tons a day) or dump it into a landfill. There are only so many landfills that Pasco can fill. Recycling reduces pressures on those landfills and the incinerators used to burn the trash. This is especially pertinent because there is toxic waste in burning plastics, which is a significant source of air and water pollution.

Newspapers are always recycled into newspapers. However, other materials can be recycled into other products. Type two plastics can become park benches and green recycling bins that people might have in their houses.

"It doesn't just disappear. It reappears in ways you may not recognize," said a passionate Miller.

The boxes around campus are subject to change. Miller considers the boxes "proto-types" and hopes to upgrade to the green bins some time soon.

The recycling boxes are seen around campus by students to serve as a reminder to do their part in conserving the earth and increasing the sustainability of recycling on Saint Leo's campus.

Proposed Dade City landfill causes turmoil

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A Largo company has been attempting to introduce a landfill to the southeastern edge of Dade City. Angelo's Aggregate Materials proposal has been greeted with much opposition from citizens as well as environmentalists.

According to the *Saint Petersburg Times,* the proposed landfill will cover 92 acres of land, but can potentially cover up to 1,000 acres in the future. It would accept raw household garbage and other trash, such as construction debris, but not biohazardous material.

Citizens of Dade City, as well as in the surrounding area, are worried about such a development. Runoff from landfills could potentially contaminate fresh drinking water, which could be hazardous to people's health. Another concern is that of sinkholes developing. Sinkholes are a common problem in Florida, and they could be even more prevalent with a landfill on the land because runoff affects the pH balance of the surrounding soil.

Saint Leo students share similar sentiments.

"I don't think a big landfill in the Dade City area is a very good idea. We need some place for waste to go, but it is not worth it if it will worsen the environment," said junior Amanda Walsh.

Environmentalists show concern because a short distance away is Green Swamp. People have made many efforts to conserve this swamp, and a landfill near it could potentially contaminate the water and kill wildlife.

According to the *Saint Petersburg Times*, residents and nearby businesses fear their neighborhood would become a major dumping site for trash from other counties. Angelo's has reportedly volunteered to the county that it would only take in-county trash. However, county officials worry that antitrust laws could rule out such an agreement.

As they search for a longer-term solution, officials are exploring options that include a deal to truck Pasco's waste to Osceola and possibly Polk counties. This would be a preferable option to the citizens around the Dade City area. Pasco's current waste incinerator in Shady Hills can't burn the county's trash fast enough. Adding capacity is a costly option, though county officials have not ruled it out says the *Times*.

Many people from the community oppose this new development. According to the *Tampa Bay Times* a concerned

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Opinions

Marry the one you choose, vote against Amendment 2

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Many people say that marriage is a privilage, not a right. As Americans, we are all entitled to this privilage. But, some would say because of who I would choose to marry that I am somehow excluded from this privilage. They're slapping us with their signs, beating us with their fists, and tearing us down with their words all for one important message: marriage is for straight people only.

This election day, Florida is taking this idea a step further. That's right, folks. On November 4, 2008, Florida voters will be faced with a personal decision, one much more controversial than whom to vote into the Oval Office.

Florida is purposing the implementation of what is known as Amendment 2. Basically, this Amendment is purposing that a marriage license shall only be granted to heterosexual couples in the state of Florida. Further more, it imposes that no other legal union that is treated like a marriage will be valid or recognized.

When I first heard about Amendment 2, I was appalled. I had no idea that Florida was taking this debate so seriously. After all, statistics show that 50 percent of all marriages end in divorce. You'd think a country with divorce rates this high would encourage a little prosperous matrimony to whoever's willing to give it a shot.

So who does Amendment 2 really affect? For starters, this ban threatens domestic partnership benefits and other rights of unmarried couples, both straight and gay. Now, marriage will be mandatory if a couple wants to receive any kind benefits at all. It also directly affects gay and lesbian couples, who will not be allowed to marry, or even have a valid domestic partnership.

Furthermore, this Amendment is a massive intrusion on the government's part. By allowing this Amendment to pass, the government is where it doesn't belong, regulating the personal relationships of Floridians. The government is apathetically denying happiness to thousands of people across the state.

So the question is, why do such a thing? Why is it so important that Florida keeps marriage and benefits strictly to those heterosexual couples who may not even want to be married? Why does the state believe that homosexual couples shouldn't even be considered for the right to wed? Who gives the government the right to deny their people a chance at life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Sure beats me.

This Amendment is simply ridiculous. What if one day Florida decides only those with brown hair will be able to get married? How will people feel then? Imagine finding the love of your life and wanting to get married. You're both contributing members to society, you both pay taxes, and you both have clean records. However, you have blonde hair and your partner has red. Sorry Charlie, only those with brown hair can marry today.

Hair color is just like homosexuality; you're born with it. Sure, you can try to cover either one up, but the true roots always come back. Imagine being denied marriage because of something that is truly out of your control.

Giving gays and lesbians the right to marry is not about forcing anyone to accept anything. This battle is strictly for equality and the chance at real happiness. People always argue that gays are trying to make themselves different, and this makes them angry. If that was the case, wouldn't marriage be a step in the wrong direction? News flash: gays actually want to be equal. And now, even those attempts to conform are pissing people off. Perfect.

I want to live in a world where people stop trying to limit others. It seems like every law imposed against acts of happiness is the direct, personal intention of limiting another human being. Why does society care so much to hold people back? There are countries with lesser rights all across the world that don't even care this much about who someone marries. It's a sad thing when the most liberal country in the world could deny its citizens happiness. All I can hope for is that the good people of this state vote against the idea of tearing their own people down. Come November 4, for my sake and thousands of others, make the right decision my friends. Until then, keep fighting the good fight.

Vote "yes" on Amendment 2

BY JOSHUA M. SMITH
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Marriage is the union of one man and one woman. That is what the word "marriage" means. It's a shame, but, due to the Gay Rights lobby, Floridians now find it necessary to write that definition into law.

Amendment 2, which will appear on the November 4 ballots in Florida, states, "In as much as a marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife, no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized."

This amendment is not anti-gay. It does not make gays second-class citizens. It merely upholds Florida's right to define marriage for itself.

Without Amendment 2, Florida finds itself in a position to have to arbitrarily decide whether gay marriage agreements from other states such as Massachusetts and California should be honored by Florida gays who travel to those states and get married under those states' laws.

Whether one feels that gays should be allowed to marry or not, this issue should not be decided for Florida by the legislature or courts of another state. State sovereignty must be upheld, because allowing one state to set policy and law for another state sets a dangerous precedent for the entire nation.

That is why all Floridians—gay or straight—should vote "yes" on Amendment 2.

A vote of "no" does nothing to advance the cause of gay rights and gay marriage. Under current law, gays are allowed to enter into any legal agreement they wish. Gay couples live together, raise children together, visit each other in the hospital, and receive domestic partner health benefits already without being "married."

If gay couples already enjoy the same perceived benefits as married couples, what then is the point of working to allow gays to be married?

After following the issue for several years, I have found no satisfactory and reasonable answer to that question. Gays' desire for the right to marry is often nothing more than a coercive attempt to force society to accept their behavior.

If gays want to live the way they live, why must a heterosexual agree with that lifestyle? Why must a heterosexual society condone and endorse that lifestyle through its laws?

The answer too often is "so gays can feel better about themselves," which is unfortunate, since gays ought to be deciding the value of their lifestyle on their own terms rather than looking to society to justify it for them.

If gays want to be gay, fine. But, gays shouldn't expect others to agree with their lifestyle. I like owning a gun, but I do not feel the need to require other people to like the idea of me owning a gun. So long as no one tries to pass a law telling me I do not have the right to own a gun, I am satisfied.

Likewise, gays ought to find satisfaction in the equality they enjoy in America. Gays can do everything heterosexuals can in terms of what really matters: partnership, parenthood, and equal treatment under the law. Anything they choose to agitate for beyond that equality equates to special treatment, which actuality works against their interests by setting them further apart from others.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

When I hear Chelsea Clinton who makes ONLY 200k per year talk about socialized medicine I cringe. She knows absolutely nothing about this subject and selling hedge funds high up in the executive suite won't put her closer to the insurance crisis.

Canada could afford socialized medicine because we fought several expensive wars {i.e. Indochina, Kuwait, etc} and also our drug companies invest in research that make breakthroughs possible.

My vehement belief that socialized medicine could bankrupt the United States of America doesn't mean I am oblivious to the inequities of our system. The uninsured and underinsured die from lack of care every day. A few months ago a local hospital lost a twelve million dollar lawsuit because they didn't have a Pediatric Surgeon on staff.

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Fun ways to save

BY RANDIA COAKLEY
Special to The Lions' Pride

Low on cash? Is the current economy taking its toll? Well, here are the best deals in on the west coast of Florida. These are the best kept secrets on Saint Leo University's campus. These are low budget or even free activities students might not know about.

DVDs &VHSs
Price: **FREE**
Place: Student Activities Building (Paige Ramsey) Media Service (library Basement)
Time: Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Example: SAW III, Hotel Rawanda, Crash, Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon

X-box 360 and Wii Console
Price: **FREE**
Place: Student Community Center
Time: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sat-Sun
Example: Rock Band (drums, guitars, microphone), Halo 3, Madden 09, Wii Sports

Board Games
Price: **FREE**
Place: Info Desk Student Community Center
Time: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sat-Sun
Example: Monopoly, Dominoes, Risk, Clue

Cookies
Price: **FREE**
Place: Student Activities Building
Time: Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Example: Chocolate Chip Cookies, Oatmeal Cookies

Recreation
Price: **$5.00**
Place: Recreation Office located in deChantal
Time: Select Wednesday's (sign ups) and select Saturday's (Event)
Example: Horseback Riding, Deep Sea Fishing, Indoor Rock Climbing, Airboat Ride

Lake
Price: **FREE**
Place: Lake Jovita
Time: Friday-Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Example: Canoeing, Fishing, Volleyball, Grill

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citizen said, "I feel this is so wrong," said Bill Blanchard, who owns land adjacent to the proposed site off Messick and Singletary roads east of Dade City. "East Pasco is a special place. There's nothing like it. This is our risk to benefit a private company. This does not pass the public interest test."

There have been multiple protests as well as meetings where people can express their concerns. Commissioners are doing their best to quell fears and establish a happy medium so the community is happy, and there is a place for waste to be disposed of.

The state of the economy

BY LISA KING
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

"History teaches us it will turn around," said Professor Chuck Fisk on his opinion of the current economy.

The leading harbinger of the economic downfall was the Lehman Brothers filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on September 15, 2008. At the same time, the American International Group (AIG) was also going through turmoil as it tried to sell some of its burdensome assets to restore investor confidence. Due to AIG's inability to sell assets, the governor of New York, David Paterson, allowed AIG to lend itself $20 billion from a subsidiary. To make matters even worse, Dow Jones Industrial plummeted 500 points making it the worst day on Wall Street in seven years. On Monday night, AIG suffered a crash that investors thought would further put the economy in the hole, but luckily on September 16, the government proposed to bailout AIG with an astounding $85 billion and take an 80 percent stake in the company.

Fisk felt the state of the current economy was dismal.

"We're clearly going to be in an economic downturn," he said.

Dr. Barbara Caldwell agreed.

"We're not technically in a recession, but in a downturn because of bad mortgages and inflation," said Caldwell.

Congress proposed $700 billion to buy mortgage assets to get the economy flowing again.

"The biggest help we can give the American people is to stabilize our financial system right now and to prevent the system from clogging up, because if it does clog up, this is going to have an adverse effect on people's abilities to get jobs, on their budgets, on their retirement savings, on lending for small businesses," Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson said on ABC's "This Week."

The House of Representatives was reluctant in handing over the money because it didn't shield taxpayers and homeowners if it didn't work.

"We will not simply hand over a $700 billion blank check to Wall Street and hope for a better outcome," Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said.

On September 25, President Bush, along with presidential hopefuls McCain and Obama discussed the nation's predicament. The talks failed and showed a rift between the two parties. Republicans issued a statement detailing the plan that the bailout money would come from private capital not from the taxpayers.

On September 28, a war between Citigroup and Wells Fargo exploded over the troubled bank Wachovia.

On September 29, the House of Representatives shot down the first proposed $700 billion bailout bill by 228-205. Despite the setback, Dow Jones Industrial made a comeback by rising 485 points, retrieving much of the 777 points lost during the last session. In October, a revised bailout bill was passed by the House of Representatives; its modifications included increasing the FDIC insurance cap to $250,000 from $100,000, lengthening renewable energy tax breaks, and another year of relief from the Alternate Minimum Tax. The bill was passed in the Senate after three hours of debate with presidential nominees Obama and McCain voting in favor of the bill.

"The current unemployment rate of September is 6.1. The unemployment rate may be 8.1 percent [in the future]. In the 1930s, the unemployment rate was 25 percent. The role the government plays and the willingness of the government to step in is the difference," said Fisk concerning the current unemployment rate.

On October 6, Dow dropped a record 800 points, and then closed below 10,000 points for the first time since 2004. On October 9, Standard & Poor put the companies GM and Ford on credit watch negative because shares of GM closed down 31% to $4.76 and Ford fell 22% to $2.08.

As President Bush addressed the nation on October 10, Dow lost 700 points in the first five minutes of trading; Dow ultimately closed down 8,451.19 points that day.

Fearing that a weakened economy would drive down demand for oil, oil prices dropped to more than $9. At the end of the week, the world's leading finance ministers, the G-7, met to make a plan to stabilize markets around the world.

As of this time, the Dow is high at 936 points and will hopefully continue to go up.

Slickdeals.net helping to save

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For people looking for a place to go for hot deals on products, Slickdeals.net is the place to go.

Slickdeals.net is a message board community in which users share freebies, coupons, and hot deals on products. Deals vary every day; and they usually end very quickly if they hit the front page. This is the place reserved for the hottest deal.

Since the holiday shopping season is coming quickly upon the United States, Slickdeals.net is the hub for finding deals after Thanksgiving. Users put together task forces to hit the best stores for the best deals on what the shopping community calls Black Friday. Users are also shown deals online for Black Friday and make the most out of their shopping experience by combining coupons.

From a personal experience, this reporter saved 35 percent on a recent eBay purchase. I used Live.com's cashback, mentioned in an earlier article, on a buy it now auction for a Nikon D40 camera. The original price was $600, but after the discount and shipping, the total came out to $408 for an entire kit that retails for $600 plus.

Slickdeals.net doesn't stop at just deals. Slickdeals.net offers a lounge forum for users to talk about anything going on in their lives. Users develop relationships with one another, which is reminiscent of a "Second Life" without moveable characters.

Slickdeals.net is the poor college student's guide to saving money. From textbooks to electronics to clothing, Slickdeals.net gives advice and steps to follow to save money. Go there first when a purchase comes into question. There, people can find coupons, price matching, and reviews of products.

Graduating seniors brace for unsettled economy

BY LISA KING
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Every year, thousands of seniors graduate from college full of expectation and dreams only to find them shattered when they receive rejection after rejection from employers.

"When I think about my future job search, I am extremely nervous. I believe that the economy will greatly impact my ability to find a job," said Erica Frye.

Many seniors feel this way, especially after the recent crisis with the stock market. According to a survey by the Pannetta Institute for Public Policy, the percentage of college seniors who think the country is on the wrong track is 53 percent, and the percent who think it's headed in the right direction is 26 percent. A similar survey by the Pannetta Institute states 85 percent of college seniors describe America's economy as "poor," and two-thirds are worried about finding a well-paying job.

"Currently the [job] outlook makes me nervous. I work on campus now, but after I graduate there is no guarantee of anything," said senior Ryan Sheehy.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the college class of 2007 has gained better starting salaries, especially in the business field. Business administration/ management graduates saw a 5.1 percent increase in their salary offers, bringing it up to $43,256. Computer science graduates' salary offers were up 4.5 percent, bringing it up to $53,051. Civil engineering graduates' salary offers were raised by 6.3 percent, bringing it up to $48,998. Liberal arts degrees also saw a major increase in salary offers as well. History majors saw a 6.1 increase in their salary offers, bringing it up to $35,092. English majors didn't see a huge increase, just 1.7 percent, bringing it up to $31,924. In September 2007, there were early indications that the college class of 2008 would also have a healthy job market and NACE will post its first set of salary statistics for the college class of 2008 in February 2009.

There are also a plethora of websites to help college graduates find jobs like Aftercollege.com, Collegegrad.com, Careerbuilder.com, and Monster.com. A useful website to get started would be Forbes.com, which lists the best first jobs for college graduates. Another useful tool is Career Services located in deChantal Hall where Benet Bondi, assistant director for internships, will happily assist you in figuring out your career goals and how to prepare for a future career.

"Unfortunately, I believe the economy will still be unsettled. However, I hope that the newly elected president will be able to stabilize the economy," said Frye, when asked what she thought the economy will be like when she graduates.

Ryan Sheehy seconded this notion. "When I graduate I do not believe the economy will be much reset yet," he said. "Though, I hope I am wrong."

A local drives the children's pumpkin train. Photograph by Mary Chuhinko

Scarecrow Festival big success

BY MARY CHUHINKO
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The Pasco County Courthouse was the place to be on Saturday, October 11. It was the Scarecrow Festival, sponsored by Downtown Dade City Main Street.

It was a beautiful day, perfect for families and friends to soak up the atmosphere. The entire square of Main Street was blocked off to keep traffic out. There were many craft and food vendors selling items on the sidewalk. The festivities ran from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The first stand was the Dade City Woman's Club, selling *Something to Crow About*, a cookbook complied of recipes from the Woman's Club. Some of the vendors were local artists, including folk artist Jack Beverland, who enjoys painting the simple things in life. His artwork is touchable and some pieces glow in the dark. Another vendor was Gloria J. Candales, who sold hand-made ponchos, doilies, afghans, and dolls.

To think that in a small town the election doesn't matter, think again. There was a booth set up for Pasco County Supervisor of Elections, Brian E. Corley. The booth was urging people to register to vote and to discuss issues surrounding this historic election.

Halloween was in the air, as a giant pile of hay laid in the road for people to make scarecrows. Ridge Manor United Methodist Church also sponsored a pumpkin patch. Popular music played in the background by a local DJ.

"I'm really enjoying myself today. My family is having a great time. All of the vendors have so many great things for sale, and the food is wonderful. My daughter Jenny just loved the hayride; it was so much fun," said Kathy Wagner from Port Richey.

The festival was a great place to be with families. There were a lot of fun activities for children. The hit for most children was the kumquat express, which was a tractor carrying a string of craved out pumpkin like cars. The hayride was an event for everyone to enjoy.

Overall, the Scarecrow Festival was a big hit to all who attended. Dade City and guests can only hope for a pleasant repeat next year.

What's happening this Fall Family Festival 2008

BY DONOVAN RUMMEL
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It's that time of year again for the annual Fall Family Festival.

An event that's been occurring at Saint Leo for more than 11 years, this year's festival will take place the weekend of October 24-26 at various locations around campus.

This year's theme is reminiscent of the theme from 2002, the Wild West. The weekend will be kicked off on Friday by a faculty-student sports event, followed by a diverse evening of fun. Dinner will be served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Guests will have the choice of either watching comedian Justin Berkman or the volley ball game against Palm Beach Atlantic University in the Marion Bowman Center. The night will be topped off with a student talent show and after party in the Student Community Center boardrooms.

The activities don't stop there. This year's fall performance entitled *Ubu Roi*, will be showing in Selby auditorium all weekend. The show opens on the October 22 and runs through the October 25. It will run Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The main event Saturday will be a Rodeo Round-Up that will include 20 live bulls with professional bull riders, various live animals, as well as "roping entertainment." This consists of a trick roper and some other rope related activities. There will be a chuck wagon lunch that will basically be a barbeque with more of a western theme. It will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. These events will take place in the grassy field located behind the cafeteria.

After lunch and the day's activities, dinner will be served in the cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. holding to the barbeque theme. The evening will finish with the harvest moon festival, which will begin at 7 p.m. and last till 11 p.m.

Sunday will be left for guests to wind down. There will be Mass held on Sunday in the Student Community Center, board room C, overlooking the beautiful lake Jovita from 10:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. Brunch will also be served from 11:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

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The Origins of Halloween

BY TANJA REDMOND
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Halloween is just around the corner; a time of costumes, candy, and partying, a time that most college students look forward to. However, most people don't know where the tradition of Halloween started and why certain things are done on this day.

The original origin of Halloween came from an ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain. The festival was always celebrated at the end of their harvest and was also used as a day to slaughter livestock to stock up for the winter. The festival also would involve a bonfire in which the bones of the slaughtered livestock were thrown.

The Celtic's believed on this day the boundary between the living and deceased dissolved, and the dead were dangerous to the living. The dead often would bring sickness to the people or damage their crops. Some even believed the dead were in search of bodies to possess.

The festival of Samhain is also where the tradition of wearing customers originated. People would dress up in ghoulish costumes and parade around trying to trick or scare away the evil sprits.

The name of the holiday, Halloween, actually came from the Catholic church's *All Saints Day,* which was also known as *All Hollows Day*. This day was imposed to honor all the saints who have passed. Trick or treating also originated from the holiday of *All Saints Day* as well.

On *All Saints Day*, Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes." Soul cakes were basically square pieces of bread made with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donor. It was said prayers would help a soul's passage into heaven.

Another tradition that is celebrated every Halloween is the carving of the Jack O'Lantern. This tradition started originally in Ireland from an Irish myth about a man named Stingy Jack.

It was said that Jack had tricked the devil so many times that when he died, he was not welcome into heaven or hell. Instead of allowing him into hell, the devil sent Jack off into the night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip and has been roaming the earth ever since. The Irish referred to him as the Jack of the Lantern and later the Jack O'Lantern.

When the immigrants brought the tradition to the United States, they found that pumpkins, a native fruit to this country, make perfect Jack O'Lanterns.

Today, there is also the black cat superstition to Halloween. This superstition came about when women were being accused of witchcraft. It was said that witches would turn themselves into black cats to hide themselves from being prosecuted. That is why people are taught to fear black cats.

Halloween itself was brought to America by the immigrants, especially the Irish during the potato famine of 1864. However, during the 1800s, they molded Halloween into a holiday of more community activities. By the 1950s, due to the high rates of vandalism, the holiday became more directed at the youth and the practice of trick-or-treating was revived. By theory, families could prevent tricks from being played on them by providing the child with treats.

Halloween today is still celebrated by dressing in costumes. The children trick-or-treat, while teenagers and adults get together for costume parties. Telling ghost stories and visiting haunted houses has also become part of our Halloween fun. So this Halloween, be safe and have fun!

Graduate School Talk

BY COLLEEN SHANAHAN
Lions' Pride Online Assistant Editor

Graduate school is looming for both graduating and soon-to-be seniors. But have no fear, there are people out there to help along the way.

On Friday, October 10, Laura Runge, director of the graduate English program at USF, and Heather Meakin, an assistant professor of English at USF, came to the boardrooms to talk about graduate school. Before the talk, Runge handed out flyers that pertained to either a masters of English degree or a masters of Fine Arts degree (for Creative Writing.)

While students were hesitant to ask questions, Dr. Kathryn Stasio was there to ask the questions on behalf of the students. Those in attendance were reminded that while professors and PhDs have many abilities, mind reading is not one of them.

For graduate school, students learned that the scholarships can tend to be different than our University. Most of the scholarships come in the form of graduate assistantships, where graduate students teach an introductory writing class under the watch of a mentor. Students can also apply for research assistantships in which graduate students help research certain topics that faculty may be working on in certain fields.

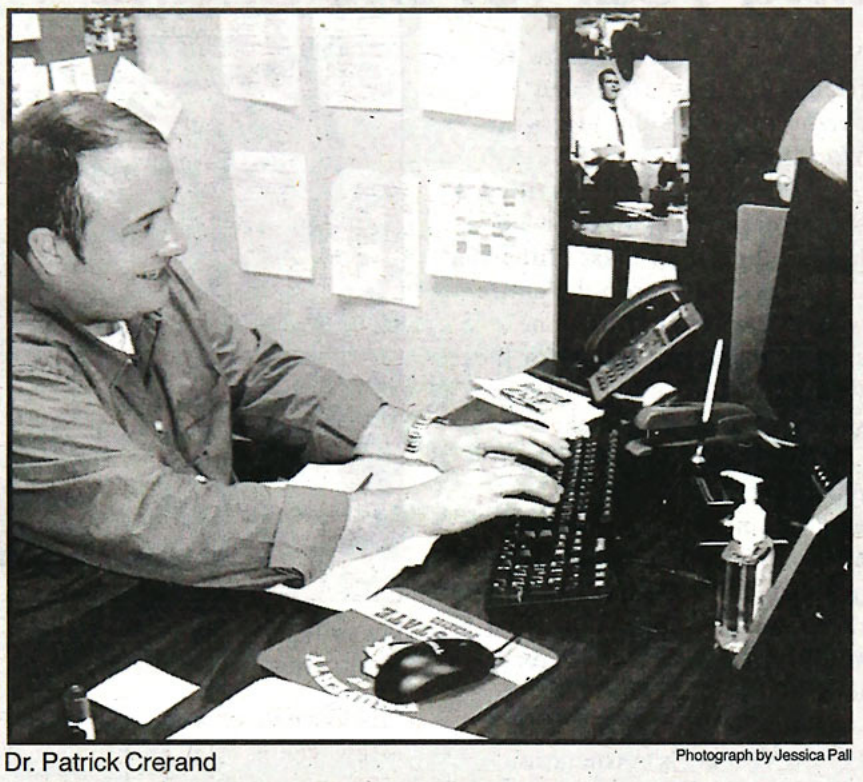
The two graduate programs Runge talked about varied from two to three years, but others depended on the program. There are institutions that offer accelerated programs, but again, it depends on the institution and program a student wants to study.

GREs, or Graduate Record Examinations, may or may not be required for admittance to a student's school of choice. Students should be advised they may have to take subject tests along with the general portion of the GRE. Students should also remember that the higher the score on each section of the test, the more opportunities for scholarships and assistantships. While the task may seem daunting at first, there are many people and outlets around to assist students on their path to higher learning.

Graduate school may not be for everyone. Those in attendance were reminded that just because someone likes, for example, reading, that doesn't mean he or she should go to graduate school. Graduate school, especially in English, is there for those who want to go on to research or further their learning and possibly transition into teaching at a post secondary level. The intended reason, though, will change from field to field.

So, depending on what a student plans to do with his or her future, graduate school can be a wonderful option.

Faculty Spotlight: Welcome to Saint Leo Peter Crerand!



Dr. Patrick Crerand

Photograph by Jessica Pall

BY JESSICA PALL
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Freshmen aren't the only newcomers to Saint Leo this year. Dr. Patrick Crerand is teaching for his first time here at Saint Leo University.

"I like it so far. It keeps me busy," he said.

Students can probably find him writing away in his office in the corner of Lewis Hall. Crerand is an assistant professor in English. He teaches several classes on campus including Intro to Creative Writing, Academic Writing, and 20th Century Writers class. He commented that he really enjoyed his Creative Writing class.

"You're going to get a grade, and there are things you have to do, but I try to let the student know writing is a fun way to express themselves."

Not only does Crerand teach writing, but in his spare time he also writes for fun. Flash fiction, short stories, and short novels are his favorite type to write.

"When I get time, I like to watch a good movie too," he said.

Crerand spent the last five years getting his PhD in Lafayette, Louisiana. Before that, he was an adjunct at a community college in Ohio, and before that he worked in an account office, which he described only as "terrible." When asked what he liked best about teaching English, his face lit up.

"I like that I can be creative working with students and inspire them to be creative and share my passion for writing," Crerand said.

Crerand is originally from Ohio; however, he likes Florida.

"I like the south. It is culturally interesting," he said.

Crerand is married and is a big Ohio State football fan. He is looking forward to his time at Saint Leo. Dr. Kurt Van Wilt has also appointed Crerand judge for the campus wide writing contest calling him the fiction specialist. He is also extremely excited to help Wilt with a literary magazine next semester.

Students Are Wireless: the scoop on SLU's wireless internet

BY COLLEEN SHANAHAN
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Can anyone imagine not being able to check a webpage almost anywhere on the Saint Leo campus? Luckily, this catastrophe is averted by the wireless internet set up by the university.

"Wireless access to the Internet is available in most buildings and classrooms throughout University Campus. Very soon, students will see 'wireless hot spot' signs going up in areas where there is wireless access," said Ellen Sheridan, director of server and network services.

Another aspect of the wireless network that is now running smoothly is the removal of the Impulse network that was implemented last year for security. University users who wished to access the wireless network had to first sign in to the Impulse network. This started causing problems because the network, depending on the time of day and workload, could take upwards of five minutes to connect to a useable wireless connection.

"The Impulse authentication application was removed due to user complaints. There is no similar device in its place. Wireless network security is something that will be addressed in the future," said Sheridan.

Students and faculty wishing to access wireless internet can find it in, Resident Hall #3, Resident Hall #4, Benoit, Henderson, Snyder and Marmion, which have wireless access points installed on each floor. Resident Hall #1 and Resident Hall #2 have wireless in the common area. The Villa, Alumni, and Roderick do not have any wireless installed.

"The wireless signal strength is not able to penetrate much of the cinderblock buildings that are on campus. Therefore, the signal is sometimes not available unless you are very close to the wireless access point itself," said Sheridan.

"I have [wireless] all over my apartment, but I have problems connecting [at other points] around campus. However, I do know that other people have problems with connecting to the wireless," said Stacy Lloyd, a junior who lives in Apartment 4.

Those students living in the Villa, Alumni, and Roderick need to connect to the internet using an Ethernet cord.

Students enjoy the wireless on campus, but connecting often relies on the time of day and where the student is. Overall, though, students are pleased with the connectivity.

"My wireless in my room can be very good sometimes, but sometimes I might not be able to get it at all. However, I do think it is slow most of the time because there are a lot of students that use it on campus. I feel that some parts of school gets good wireless connections, like the library, but a lot of times the wireless connection is not very reliable," said Lara King, a senior who lives in Apartment 1.

The university, in an attempt to cure the sometimes clogged usage of the wireless, now has allowed the use of personal wireless routers. In previous years, these routers were not allowed. There is a process to allow this now.

"Please see the following URL for details on wireless routers: http://www.saintleo.edu/SaintLeo/Templates/Inner.aspx?pid=3782," said Sheridan.

While it would be ideal for a completely wireless campus, it wouldn't be economical.

"Wireless was installed as a convenience for the Saint Leo community, and its availability and performance cannot be guaranteed due to such things as the structural constraints of campus buildings, interference caused by other electronic devices, and the Florida weather. Comprehensive wireless coverage on a campus this size would be very expensive to accomplish," said Sheridan.

Even with some spots on campus not having wireless, it is easy to scope one out nearby. Students, staff, and faculty can now relax knowing that their internet usage will be almost uninterrupted.

Have no fear students! Facebooking, Myspacing, and surfing can commence almost flawlessly.

VOTE FROM PAGE 2

Florida's Amendment 2 is a defense of state sovereignty. It is not an attempt to curtail anyone's rights. As such, every Floridian has a duty to vote "yes" on Amendment 2 in order to stop other states from being able to tell Florida what to do.

If California is allowed to tell Florida what to do on the gay marriage issue, just imagine what other states such as Texas might then be able to tell Florida what to do on issues such as oil drilling. We as Floridians must act now to stop such intrusion into our laws by other states. A vote of "yes" on Amendment 2 is an important first step to that end.

Arts & Entertainment

Another exciting year for the snake

BY BRANDY SGALIONE
Lions' Pride Photo Editor

This year's 42nd Annual Rattlesnake Festival was another huge hit! Although San Antonio is a small town, one would not have known from the huge turnout the festival experienced October 18 and 19.

Besides the town's entry sign, as one walked into San Antonio, it was hard to miss the huge trucks set up with mudding tires. Families and friends alike were roaming the many-tented vendors, exciting activities, and entertaining shows.

One of the many popular shows of the day was, of course, the Snake Show put on by Jim Mendenhall. Another show for friends of the cold-blooded persuasion was John Storm's World of Reptile's show.

Although this event is titled the Rattlesnake Festival, one who loathes the site of these slithering creatures could forgo the entire weekend without seeing one snake! Shows available for these visitors actually outweighed the shows dedicated to snakes.

Two stages were constantly providing live musical entertainment by many local artists. Vendors populated the outskirts of the festival. Gopher races (and no, not real gophers for you PETA, animal loving readers) took place throughout the day.

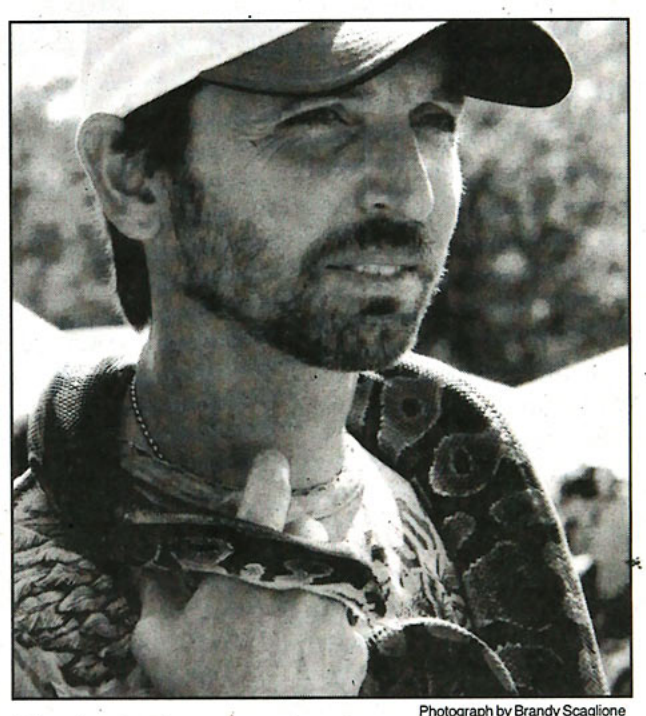
Saint Leo University's own Future Teacher's Association volunteered their time to help work many of the booths at the festival. President Anna Navarro seemed to thoroughly enjoy her spot under the tent near the gopher races, splattered with paint and helping kids decorate their tortoise saddles.

Early Saturday morning the annual Rattlesnake Run took place. A five-mile run around San Antonio, through the various terrains would prove to be a challenging way to start the morning! Contests such as the Western Wear, Miss Rattler Pageant, and Photography contest also took place.

Young children, however, seemed to have gained the most from last weekend's festivities. If this journalist was a few years younger, she would have participated in the pony and train rides for just 3 tickets! The petting zoo, also, seemed to be a frequented section, as well as the caged tiger, bear, and panther exhibit.

All-in-all, the Rattlesnake Festival once again brought out and united the San Antonio and Dade City community for one of the most fun family events of the season!

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Future Teachers Association members Joella Hojenski, Millie Navarro, Heather Laws, and Ana Navarro volunteered at the festival.



Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
A local animal rescue worker shows vistors a rescued snaked.

Upcoming Events

October 24-26
Fall Family Festival
Various activites around campus

October 27-29
Hidden Lamp Clues
Hosted by CAB
Events posted on Facebook and CAB office at 9:00 A.M.

October 29
Dark Knight Event
&
Drive-In Movie
Hosted by CAB
8:00 P.M.

October 30
Haunted Marmion-Snyder

October 31
Halloween

October 31
Faculty/Staff/Student
Halloween Party and Contest
SAB Lobby
4:00 P.M.

October 31
Gamma and Alpha Halloween Party
Tropical Breeze
9:00 P.M.-2:00 A.M.

Off Campus

October 25
Breast Cancer Walk
Hosted by American Cancer Society
Everglade Ranch
(5 minutes North of Dade City on 301)

Registration and Survivor Breakfast
@ 8:00 A.M.
Walk starts at @ 9:00 P.M.

-Money Donations accepted as well

Thomas' top ten horror picks!

BY THOMAS SCAGLIONE III
Lions' Pride Entertainment Editor

1. *Hellraiser III: Hell on Earth*- Clive Barker is perhaps the most twisted mind in many horror circles. His artful way of mixing unconceivable pain with unspeakable desires is what brings Pinhead, the Angel of Suffering, to the top of this Samhain list!

2. *The Cell*- Perhaps a little complicated for the common make-out movie, this horror film goes beyond traditional boundries and forces the audience into the mind of a serial killer. All of his neurotic impulses and unbridled emotions are set free and HIS imagination is the only limit.

3. *The Hills Have Eyes*- While it is a remake of perhaps a lesser known film of the same name, it mixes all the horrors of gore, cannibalism, rape, mutations, and radioactivity in one edge of the seat thriller!

4. *Jeepers Creepers*- Where he got those peepers will be the least of your worries when his hunger gets the best of him!

5. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*- Another remake from a great horror series, TTCM is a must see for all horror fans…especially those living in the rural outskirts of Dade City, where the townsfolk might seek something a little more flavorful than some kumquat pie…

6. *The Ruins*- As Dr. Chris Miller will tell his Botany students every semester, plants can evolve cool ways to fit their diverse environments, including deadly defenses and fatal offences …but what does one do when the plants target you as their enemy?

7. *Ghost Ship*- While these are not your average, every day haunts, the opening ten minutes of the movie is enough to earn his rank on this list. The surprising twist at the end also aids in its favor.

8. A *Nightmare on Elm Street*- The classic tale of Freddy Kruegar might not be enough to keep viewers awake all night clinging to their coffee pots, but it did at one time have that effect on the public. Our Captain Jack Sparrow lovers might also like to see Johnny Depp in his first starring role!

9. Tamara- From the creator of *Final Destination*, this is perhaps a rarer find that might take fans a moment of Amazon.com shopping to find. A murderous, yet strikingly beautiful, witch seeks revenge on those that used to pick on her…although some might not mind being followed around by this young beauty!

10. *Creepshow*- Although humorous at parts and perhaps a little out dated, this is the perfect movie for couples who, shall we say, aren't really interested in the storyline? Covering multiple short films in one, this is also the perfect background DVD to play at a party…entertaining the guests between conversations while not taking up too much time or attention.

Photograph courteousy of filmjournal.net
Thomas' number one pick, Hellraiser 3: Hell on Earth.

Last minute halloween costumes

BY JESSICA PALL
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Halloween is right around the corner. Still looking for the perfect costume to wear? Here are some suggestions that can help fuel students' imaginations.

The melted snowman is a crazy but easy costume idea. If one is willing to get wet, simply drench oneself in water, carry around two wood sticks, a scarf, and a carrot.

A Sugar Daddy is an easy costume to make. A one step deal, just attach candy all over oneself.

Mummies are almost the least expensive costumes. All that is needed for this outfit is toilet paper, tape, and just wrap around the whole body!

Try wearing a swimsuit, wrap a towel over oneself, and rock some sunglasses with a little bit of sunscreen under the eyes. To add some extra flavor, splurge to the Dollar Store and buy a lei!

Last minute scary costumes can be a zombie or a simple ghost. To create a zombie costume, just cut up some hose, and an old t-shirt and pack on the makeup accentuating the eyes with a smoky color. A ghost is the easiest; take a white sheet and cut holes for the eyes.

A funny costume to pull off is an autograph book. Wearing a white shirt and pants, carry a sharpie pen and have people sign ones' clothes!

Cotton Candy is a pretty sweet costume choice for all the sugar lovers out there. To create, spray paint a cheap afro wig pink, wear pink make up, tan tights, and a pink shirt.

Dressing up as movie characters is always a good option. Will Ferrell's characters like Ron Burgundy are fun to dress up as. Maverick and Goose from Top Gun, or Will Ferrell also make interesting costumes.

Couples and groups can apply a theme to their costume. Couples can dress as duos like Beauty and the Beast, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, political figures, and celebrity couples. Groups on the other hand can create costumes for the 3 musketeers, a favorite rock band, spice girls, or even the Fanta girls.

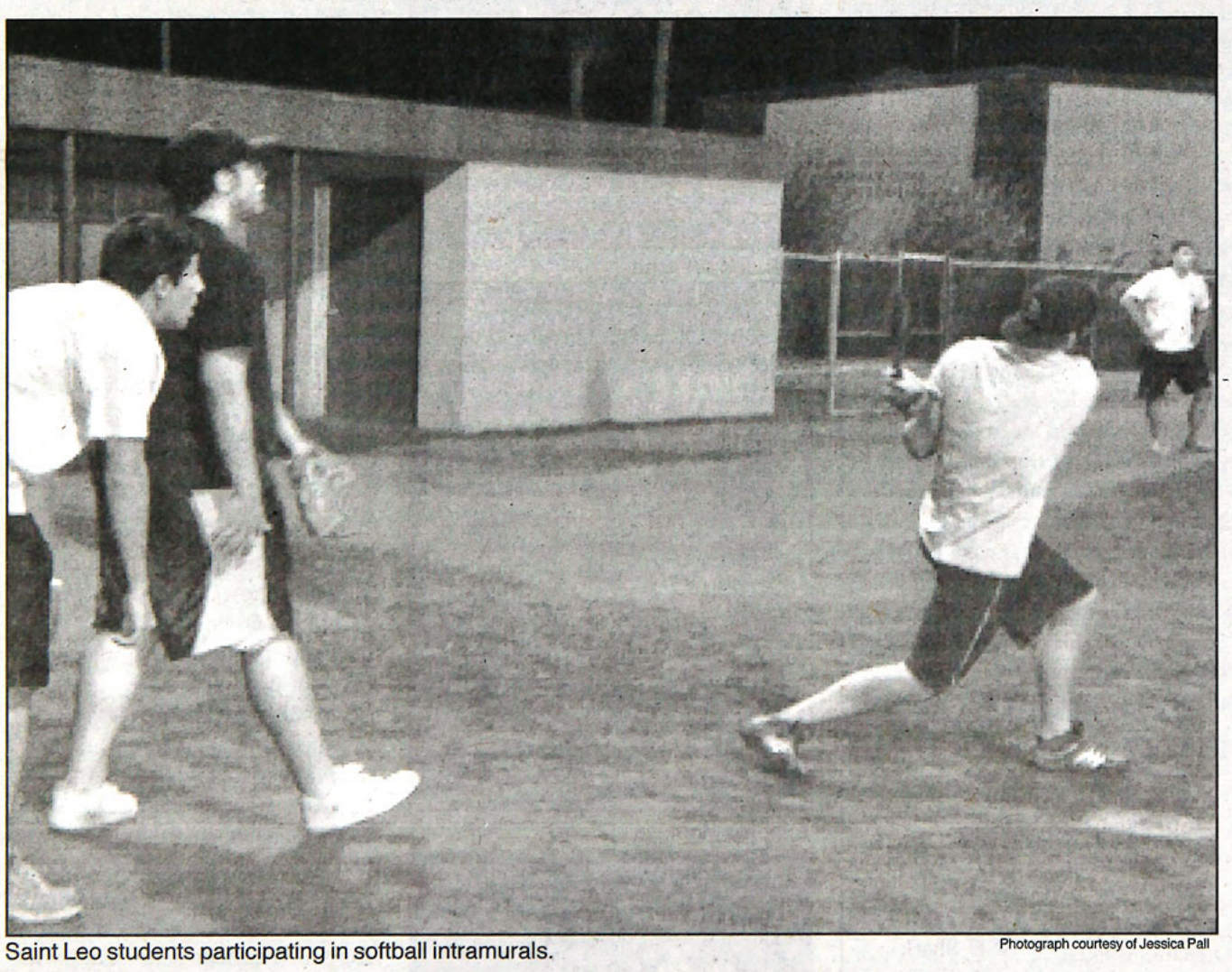
Girls, deck out the glamorous zombie or Miss America costume. More ideas for boys include batman, hulk, and chef from South Park.

In need of homemade gore?

Here is an easy recipe for blood. Use light corn syrup and add in a generous amount of red food coloring until it's a bright red color. Add blue dye to make the mixture a deep, dark blood. If one mixes peanut butter into the blood, it will be less likely to stain clothes.

These last minute Halloween costume ideas should be a great idea booster for those still undecided on what to be for this special night. Still undecided? Check out http://members.tripod.com/disneyitis/LATE_H_COSTUMES.HTM for more ideas!

Creepo Depot dominates intramural softball



Saint Leo students participating in softball intramurals.

Photograph courtesy of Jessica Pall

BY JESSICA PALL & MINDY PIERCE
Lions' Pride Staff Writers

On Wednesday, October 15, the men's defending softball champions, *Creepo Depot,* defeated the Hammerheads, winning their second intramural championship game.

Students coming out to support the game watched with interest as the two teams battled it out.

"It's nice to see students outside the classroom," said sports fan and junior Daja Brooks.

Intramurals are taken very seriously at Saint Leo, but students ultimately play them for fun.

"It was a fervently vicious yet scantily delicious game," player and senior Irish Donovan said.

Being intricately involved with intramurals, supervisor Lou Troccio, a senior, commented after the *Creepo Depot* won their Championship.

"It's sad leaving the field tonight for the final time; I'll miss it a lot."

Intramurals are a big hit among students, ranging in sports from softball to soccer, football, and basketball. Saint Leo students can only hope for more exciting seasons to come.

For the champions, the victory is sweet.

For those that lost, better luck next year.

Now On...

The Big Screen

High School Musical 3

Changeling

Saw V

Passengers

CD

Lucky Old Sun
Kenny Chesney

Damn Right, Rebel Proud
Hank Williams III

The Sound
Mary Mary

Skeletal Lamping (Dig)
Of Montreal

DVD

Incredible Hulk

The Strangers

The Ultimate Matrix Collection

Indiana Jones 4

T.V. on DVD

Family Guy-Season 6

CSI-Season 8

The Unit-Season 3

Sports

Photograph by Mike Carlson

Sophomore, Chrissy Darwell, sprins with the ball, up the side for a cross.

Darwell fights to score

BY TIM PEASE
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

The flaming forward who seems to be a quick flash in front of the crowd is none other than sophomore forward, Chrissy Darwell. Although her primary place is in the scoring position, Darwell is all over the field all the time. From the moment she is on the field to the moment she relieved of her duty Darwell gives it her all for the success of the team. Despite her injury issues last season, she is back and everyone on the field and all of her competitors are well aware of her presence.

The Saint Leo women's soccer team is having a terrific season so far this year, with a record of 11-3. Darwell is a prime successor in the Lions journey to dazzle the Sunshine State Conference as a major competition

The sophomore has had much success while she has been playing for the Lions. Darwell had five goals and three assists in her freshman year even though she didn't start every game. Last year she suffered many injuries including pulling her hamstring in the last game of the regular season, causing her to miss the playoffs.

Darwell was born in Tampa Bay, Florida, but grew up and graduated from high school in Cranston, Rhode Island. Darwell has been playing soccer for the last 14 years, and continues to have a love for the game.

"I'm always an energetic person, on and off the field. On the field, I give all my effort and play with all my heart. That's why it looks like I work so hard," said Darwell.

The fans are always so amazed that Darwell moves as much as she does. She never loses sight of the ball or a way to get the ball. She is a very aggressive player and does anything to get the ball and hold on to it for as long as she can.

"I don't even realize I'm all over the field. Coach has me in the box on corner kicks cause of my height, and whenever I lose the ball on offense, I want it back so I just bust my butt to get it back, even if I have to run all over," said Darwell.

This year Darwell has had many more starts, as well as goals. Both her and junior Hannah Beard have had trouble finding the goal, as attacking partners for the Lions they are highly depended on the find the net. While the Lions have had a rocky start to their scoring, Darwell finally ended her streak.

"Finally found the goal is right. I was getting really frustrated for a while, but I'm not sure what exactly changed. I always get great balls from the midfields, I guess I just wasn't giving up this game until I scored," said Darwell.

Darwell clearly has the urge to fight to get the goal, and she isn't stopping any time soon.

SAINT LEO SCORES

MEN'S SOCCER	Barry	3-1 W	Barry
Oct. 10, 2008	1-0 W.	Oct. 10, 2008	3-2 W
Rollins	Oct. 15, 2008	Henderson State	**WOMEN'S GOLF**
0-1 L	Palm Beach Atlantic	3-0 W	Oct. 13-14, 2008
Oct. 15, 2008	8-0 W	Oct. 11, 2008	NSU Shark
Florida Southern	Oct. 19, 2008	Ouachita Baptist	Invitational
2-1 W	Florida Southern	3-0 W	12th - Rain
Oct. 18, 2008	2-1 L	Oct. 11, 2008	Shortened
Barry	**VOLLEYBALL**	Arkansas Tech	**MEN'S GOLF**
3-2 W	Oct. 7, 2008	2-3 L	Oct. 6-7, 2008
WOMEN'S SOCCER	Florida Southern	Oct. 14, 2008	Spartan
Oct. 11, 2008	0-3 L	Eckerd	Invitational
	Oct. 10, 2008	3-0 W	2nd
	Harding	Oct. 18, 2008	

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Volleyball	Oct. 29, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Volleyball
Oct. 24, 2008	5 p.m.	Volleyball	Nov. 8, 2008
7 p.m.	Men's Soccer	Nov. 7, 2008	4 p.m.
Women's Soccer	Oct. 29, 2008	7 p.m.	

Veteran seniors were honored on home field

Even though the season is far from over for the Lions, four seniors were honored at University Field in front of a home crowd and lots of family.

Juan Chavez Photograph by Caitlin Craft

Brandon Whitsett Photograph by Caitlin Craft

Eusebio Montoya Photograph by Caitlin Craft

Art Gendreau Photograph by Caitlin Craft

For four years, and in one case five, these loyal Lions have put their all into the success of the Saint Leo University Men's Soccer Program. Juan Chavez, Brandon Whitsett, Eusebio Montoya, and Art Gendreau have all had crucial skills that have helped the Lions advance and grow as much as they have these past four years.

One thing they all have in common is the appreciation of what hard work can do. In their 2005 fall season, the men's team won the Sunshine State Conference championship. Despite the fact that these players were all freshman, with the exception of Whitsett who was a sophomore, they all knew the importance of the championship and how much it meant for the veteran players that had been there to work for it.

These past four years have been the highlight of many years of playing the sport that they all love and respect. They have grown with dignity and skill as they have watched players graduate and move on to other things, but now it is their time to be remembered as valued members of a single unit.

However, they will not only be remembered for their phenomenal goals, their pristine crosses, or their amazing defensive play; they will be remembered as dignified student athletes who has only just begun to come alive. Their careers at Saint Leo may be coming to an end, but their lives are just beginning.

Chavez, Whitsett, Montoya, and Gendreau will at least have the world of soccer at their finger tips as they hope to continue playing in some way shape or form. Otherwise, the values that they were granted with while attending the university, and being a part of the program, will lead them down numerous paths until they find one that they were each meant for.

As they tackle the last few matches of their final season, they take in the last few passes, the final bad calls from the referees, the one v. one headers, and the break aways that fly down the sideline towards the goal; they create some final moments to take with them as they move on from their college years. They will have gained more than what they will leave behind, and for devoted fans and teammates it will not be the last they see of the infamous Chavez, Whitsett, Montoya, and Gendreau.

The final home game for the Lions will be on October 29 against Nova Southeastern at 7:30. This will be the last time that the men play at their home field, in front of a home crowd, or at least until the next year when fans might be lucky enough to see them shine one more time during the Alumni game in the spring.